

A Response to the Restriction Requirement:

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-32 were pending at the time of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 15-22, and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the fact that the amendment relates only to corresponding to the election of the Group I invention (as made below), it does not, in any way, affect the scope of the claim or range of equivalents to which the elements in the claims are entitled. Claims 1-4 and 23-31, therefore, are currently pending.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the Group I invention, as exemplified by claims 1-14 and 23-31. Claims drawn to the Groups II, *i.e.*, claims 15-22 and 32, have been cancelled from the present case without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims directed to the non-elected inventions in continuing applications.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believes this to be a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 21, 2003. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Response to the Restriction Requirement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/GENS:008US.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this case in view of the above comments and amendments. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or

suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3020.

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